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SUBJECT: SUPPLY OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO
INDIA THROUGH IAEA

REF: IAEA VIENNA 1360

1. EVEN THOUGH INDIA HAS NOT CHALLENGED DG STATEMENT AT FEBRUARY
BOG MEETING REGARDING NO-MILITARY-USE UNDERTAKING IN IAEA
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS (WHICH STATEMENT WE ASSUME APPLIES ALSO
TO SAME UNDERTAKING IN IAEA PROJECT AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THAT WITH
INDIA SET FORTH IN INFCIRC/94), FEELING HERE IS THAT BEFORE
RESUMING SUPPLY OF MATERIALS TO INDIA THROUGH IAEA, U.S.
SHOULD OBTAIN SOME SORT OF SPECIFIC ASSURANCE THAT MATERIALS
WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

2. IN ORDER TO AVOID NEED FOR U.S. APPROACH TO INDIA FOR SUCH
ASSURANCE, WITH RISK OF UNDESIRABLE CONFRONTATION, AND IN ORDER
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TO ACHIEVE THIS ASSURANCE RE SUPPLY THROUGH IAEA TO ANY MEMBER
STATE, BELIEVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OBTAINING
APPROPRIATE ASSURANCE FROM IAEA.

3. ONE POSSIBLE FORM OF ASSURANCE MIGHT BE U.S.-IAEA EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONFIRMING THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO U.S. MATERIAL SUPPLIED THROUGH IAEA FOR USE IN ANY MEMBER STATE WILL BE USED FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE OR TESTING OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

4. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE SIMPLY FOR AGENCY TO WRITE LETTER ASSURING MISSION THAT NO MATERIAL REQUESTED FOR SUPPLY UNDER U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WILL BE USED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE OR TESTING OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES OF ANY KIND. THIS METHOD MIGHT BE PREFERABLE AS IT WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF BEING AGENCY INITIATIVE AND WOULD SEEM NATURAL FOLLOW-UP TO DG STATEMENT AT BOG MEETING.

5. IF MISSION CONSIDERS IT NOT FEASIBLE OR ADVISABLE TO SEEK ASSURANCE FROM AGENCY AT THIS TIME, OR BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE PRIOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT REGARDING FORM OF ASSURANCE OR OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER, ADVISE SOONEST. OTHERWISE, MISSION REQUESTED DISCUSS WITH AGENCY AS APPROPRIATE AND, IF NO DIFFICULTIES ARISE, PROCEED TO OBTAIN DESIRED SPECIFIC ASSURANCE BY ONE OF METHODS SUGGESTED ABOVE. CABLE ADVICE OF ACTION TAKEN AND AIRPOUCH COPIES OF DOCUMENT(S).

6. FYI AND RELAY TO IAEA IF MISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, ERDA HAS MADE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL VALUE, IN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES R&D, OF MATERIALS COVERED BY OUTSTANDING INDIAN/ INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS. CONCLUSION IS THAT ALL ITEMS ARE POTENTIALLY USEFUL IN SUCH R&D, ESPECIALLY U-233, U-235, PU-WEON AND PU METAL, BUT NONE ARE CRITICAL OR ESSENTIAL TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES R&D PROGRAM. THEY MIGHT BE OF VALUE IN REFINING EXPLOSIVE DESIGNS. INDIA COULD DEVELOP OWN STANDARDS OR MIGHT BE ABLE OBTAIN THESE MATERIALS FROM OTHER SOURCES, THOUGH PERHAPS OF LOWER QUALITY. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN WHETHER CORRESPONDING NON-U.S. STANDARDS EXIST, BUT PRESUMABLY CERTAIN OTHER NATIONS, E.G., FRANCE, USSR, HAVE ACCURATE AND USEFUL VERSIONS.

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7. NBS CONSIDERS ITS STANDARDS UNIQUE AS PRIMARY ISOTOPIC AND ANALYTICAL STANDARDS, BUT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT USSR MAY HAVE.

8. REQUESTS MENTIONED REFETL PARA 1 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. IN ADDITION, MARCH 6 LETTER RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM INDIAN DAE REQUESTED PRICE QUOTATION ON 10MGs. PU-240 AND ASKED FOR TOP PRIORITY ACTION SINCE MATERIAL URGENTLY NEEDED.
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